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NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SEEKS PUBLIC COMMENT ON PROPOSED SOCIAL STUDIES STANDARDS

In an ongoing effort to involve the public in the development of learning standards for Nebraska public school students, the State Board of Education and the Nebraska Department of Education are seeking comments from the public and educators on the revised state social studies standards.

On Oct. 29 at 10 a.m., the draft social studies standards will be available to the public and an Internet survey will open for public comment. The draft standards and the Internet survey will be available Oct. 29 through Nov. 28 at: <http://www.education.ne.gov/standardssurvey/>.

In addition to the draft social studies standards that focus on what students should know and be able to do at specific grade levels, the website will include:

- A video explaining the design format of the draft social studies standards.
- A power point that accompanies the explanatory video.
- The draft of the social studies standards.
- A link to the survey for comments from the public.

An individual who does not have access to the Internet may request a paper copy of the draft standards and the survey by contacting Donlynn Rice at the Nebraska Department of Education, 301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, NE, 68509, or by email at nde.standardsinput@nebraska.gov. All comments must be postmarked no later than Nov. 28, 2012.

School district representatives and social studies teachers are encouraged to complete the survey.

The Nebraska Department of Education will provide an additional opportunity for individuals or groups to comment on Nov. 15 at a public meeting. The times and locations for that meeting have not yet been finalized but will be posted on the Nebraska Department of Education's homepage at <http://www.education.ne.gov/> and at <http://www.education.ne.gov/SS/> when available.

All comments submitted through the survey or at the public meeting will be provided to the Nebraska State Board of Education for consideration. The State Board of Education is scheduled to consider final approval of the revised social studies standards tentatively on Dec. 7.